



Burford School & Nursery

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Dear New Year 5 Parents/Carers,

We really enjoyed meeting our new classes recently and we are looking forward to welcoming them into Year 5 in September! Year 5 is another busy and exciting year where children learn about a variety of topics and experience new opportunities, as well as continuing to become responsible and self-motivated learners. Mrs Creek will teach Cherry class and Miss Edwards will teach in Sequoia class.

One exciting change for our academic year 2025-2026 is that the school will now be providing children with essential equipment for use in class. Every child will be provided with a personal pencil case which will include a pencil, writing pen, short ruler, whiteboard pen, glue stick and eraser. Classes will have pencil sharpeners which will be kept in the classrooms, as will class scissor sets.

This means that children will not be required to take pencil cases into school. This change takes place to encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings in school, supports the children's wellbeing in reducing the amount of property that the children are required to bring into school and should help keep the school tidy. Bags brought in only need to contain the following items:

- a reading book and reading journal
- a water bottle
- a waterproof coat (if appropriate for the season)
- a healthy snack

The children's lunch should be in a separate bag to place on the lunch trolleys. PE kits should be kept in a separate PE bag. Fidget tools should only be brought in by the children who have been approved to use in class to meet need. Children should not be bringing in toys, teddy bears or other items like personal diaries or felt pen kits or similar.

PE:

We will let you know in September which days your child will have PE. On those days, children will need their PE kit, which they should bring into school to change into. Our PE kits and general uniform advice can be found on our website.

Summer Learning:

If you would like to support your child during the summer holidays then you could:

- Read, read, read! Read out aloud to your child and listen to them read a variety of books – fiction and non-fiction – and question your child regarding the content / layout and the sentence structures. They could also complete a book review about their favourite book that they have read in the holidays.
- Keep a diary/ scrapbook / send a postcard to Year 5 telling us about places that they have visited or they could start to write their own book to bring in and share with the class.
- Continue to learn times tables (Times Tables Rockstars)
- Use Spelling Shed to support Spellings.

Curriculum Objectives Meeting:

Our curriculum objectives meeting will kick the year off in September. We will send details of this when we return from the summer holidays. It would be wonderful to see as many parents and carers there as possible. At this meeting, we will run through your child's curriculum learning for the year and answer any questions that you may have. For those parents and carers who cannot attend, our curriculum map outlining the year will be available on the website and on Google Classroom.

We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Kind regards,

Miss Edwards and Mrs Creek

